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### VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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Time Warner Cable Information Services' Application to Amend its Certificate of Public Convenience & Necessity to Provide Telephone Services in the Service Area of Home Telephone Company, Inc. Docket No. 2008-327-C

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing please find Time Warner Cable Information Services' ("TWCIS") Reply to the Return of Home Telephone Company, Inc. to TWCIS Motion to Compel or, in the alternative, Motion in Limine. By copy of this letter we are serving the same on the parties of record. If you have any questions, please have someone on vour staff contact me.

Very truly yours,

ROBINSON, McFadden & Moore, P.C.

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### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

#### Docket No. 2008-327-C

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Alternative Regulation

# TIME WARNER CABLE'S REPLY TO THE RETURN OF HOME TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. TO TIME WARNER CABLE'S MOTION TO COMPEL OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, MOTION IN LIMINE

Pursuant to 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-829 and other applicable rules of the South Carolina Public Service Commission, Time Warner Cable Information Services (South Carolina) LLC, d/b/a Time Warner Cable ("TWCIS") files this Reply to Home Telephone Company Inc.'s ("Home") Return to Time Warner Cable's Motion to Compel or in the Alternative, Motion In Limine. TWCIS seeks in its motion to compel to require Home to provide certain information sought in discovery which Home has refused to provide. Rule 103-833 of this Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure allow TWCIS to obtain through interrogatories and requests to produce "[a]ny material relevant to the subject matter involved in the pending proceeding..."

### I. The Information Sought By Time Warner Cable Is Relevant.

In this proceeding TWCIS seeks to extend its existing authority to operate as a telephone utility into areas of South Carolina where Home is the incumbent local exchange carrier. The application is governed by S.C. Code Section 58-9-280(B). One of the items which the Commission can review under Section 58-9-280 is whether "provision of the service will not

adversely impact the availability of affordable local exchange service." Because of this provision, the effect of TWCIS' proposed entry upon the incumbent local exchange carrier, Home Telephone, and, therefore, Home's financial strength is entirely relevant to this proceeding. Accordingly, TWCIS is entitled to the discovery it seeks.

Section 58-9-280 has applied to every CLEC application filed and granted in South Carolina. It also applied to the previous applications TWCIS filed by which it obtained the authority under which it currently operates in South Carolina. In none of these previous proceedings has an issue been raised about whether the service proposed to be offered by the applicant will cause sufficient economic harm to the incumbent that the affordability of local exchange service will be affected. For this reason TWCIS approached Home with a request that Home clarify whether it would raise that issue in this proceeding. If Home would agree that it was not going to raise the issue, then the scope of discovery could be narrowed. However, Home has refused to respond to this request and state its position and instead has explicitly reserved the right to raise the issue of whether TWCIS's entry into their service territory will adversely impact the availability of local exchange service. Accordingly, unless and until Home confirms that it will raise as an issue and argue that TWCIS' entry into its territory will adversely affect Home and, as a result, the affordability of local service, Home must be required to produce the financial information requested in the TWCIS discovery requests.

### II. The Annual Reports Produced By Home Are Insufficient.

Home argues in its Return that the TWCIS motion should be denied because Home produced copies of its publicly available Annual Reports filed with ORS and this Commission. In the first place that argument ignores the scope of discovery – TWCIS is entitled to receive information and documents relevant to the issues in the proceeding, not information which Home

is willing to give. In addition, the Annual Reports are not a sufficient source of information about the finances of Home and the other incumbent local exchange carriers.

TWCIS has begun to review the Annual Reports of Home and the other five companies with which Home is coordinating its efforts. That review raises questions about the information shown in the Annual Reports and demonstrates why TWCIS needs more detailed and specific financial information.

- It appears that some of the six ILECs classify revenues differently from others. For example, for 2007 Comporium company PBT Telecom, Inc. reported "Total Revenues" of \$18,754,047 and reported no "Non-Operating Income", while Comporium company Rock Hill Telephone Company reported "Total Revenues" of \$39,696,228 with an additional \$27,888,178 in "Non-Operating Income".
- None of the Annual Reports of the six ILECs separately report revenues they receive from the federal or state universal service funds. While the six ILECs have produced that information in response to discovery requests, Time Warner Cable needs to know where and how those USF revenues are reflected in the Annual Reports.
- Farmers Telephone Cooperative reports \$103,695,603 in year—end retained earnings on Schedule 3 to its 2007 Annual Report. That Schedule also shows that Farmers started 2007 with \$125,668,581 in retained earnings. Changes during the year include: a "Miscellaneous" debit of \$48,304,342; a "Miscellaneous" credit of \$23,607,849; an "Other" credit of \$27,209,815; and an "Other" credit of \$76,485,788. Enormous sums of money are moving around on the Farmers balance sheet with absolutely no explanation in its Annual Reports.

These examples are given not to assert that the companies are failing to properly report their finances, but rather to show that the Annual Reports are insufficient sources of information for TWCIS to use to respond to Home's expected arguments regarding the effects of TWCIS' proposed entry into its territory. Accordingly, Home's argument that the Annual Reports are sufficient should be rejected and it should be ordered to produce the financial information requested by TWCIS.

Dated this 28th day of October, 2008.

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Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide  Telephone Services in the Service Area of  Home Telephone Company, Inc. and for  Alternative Regulation	CATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I, Leslie Allen, a legal assistant with the law firm of Robinson, McFadden & Moore, P.C., have this day caused to be served upon the person(s) named below Time Warner Cable's Reply to the Return of Home Telephone Company, Inc. to Time Warner Cable's Motion to Compel or, in the alternative, Motion in Limine in the foregoing matter by causing a copy of same to be placed in the U.S. Mail, in an envelope addressed as follows:

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Dated at Columbia, South Carolina this 28th day of October, 2008.

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